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POROUS CARBON BASE MATERIAL, METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF, GAS-DIFFUSING MATERIAL, FILM-ELECTRODE JOINTED ARTICLE, AND FUEL CELL

- ☐ the specification of which attached hereto
- ☒ which was described in International Application No. PCT/JP2004/004158 filed on March 25, 2004 and as amended on (if any) which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

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| Japan | Patent Application 2003-334743 | September 26, 2003 |

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